

**EMS for Children Committee Meeting**  
**Richmond Marriott West**  
**Richmond, VA**  
**July 10, 2008**  
**3-5 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Theresa Guins</b> , MD, EMSC Committee Chair & EMSC Program Medical Director	Jodi Kuhn	Randy Abernathy
<b>David P. Edwards</b> , OEMS EMS for Children Coordinator	Wanda Street	
<b>Petra Connell</b> , EMSC Principal Investigator Representative		
<b>Barbara Kahler</b> , MD, VA AAP Representative		
<b>Bill Downs</b> , Regional EMS Council Representative		
<b>Kae Bruch</b> , School Nurse Representative		

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Guins at 3:06 p.m.	
<b>Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2008 Meeting:</b>	A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.	<b>The minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chairperson's Report – Dr. Theresa Guins:</b>	<p><b>A. End of Chairperson's Term (on EMS Advisory Board)</b>  Dr. Guins' second term on the EMS Advisory Board is coming to a close; representatives may serve only two consecutive three-year terms before being replaced. Three names were submitted to the Governor for consideration as the new pediatric representative on the Board, who also chairs the EMSC committee. As of yet there has been no official notification as to who will be the new pediatric representative, so Dr. Guins will chairing the EMSC Committee until this has been accomplished. Dr. Guins will still be involved in the Committee and will continue as Medical Director of the Virginia EMS for Children Program.</p> <p><b>B. Proposal for Pediatric Education Initiative</b>  The PEPP funding was not awarded to the committee and Dr. Guins wants the committee to create a plan to ensure that Pediatric Education goes forward. Dr. Guins' recommendation is that the committee encourages the teaching of the Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP) Course. In the past the PALS course was concentrated on. The PEPP Course has a lot of scenarios that the providers are engaged in, such as what to do with a pediatric seizure patient or a severely dehydrated patient. This should be our main educational initiative. Dr. Kahler asked how does someone get certified to teach it. You must have taken it and provide proof that you have taken it. The website is <a href="http://www.peppsite.com">www.peppsite.com</a> for more information. The EMS Training Fund consists of the quarter from the \$4.25 for Life. Possibly</p>	<b>David will invite someone from Training Division to next meeting to discuss the PEPP Course, online courses, and how state funding is distributed EMS training.</b>

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
	<p>some of this funding could be used for the PEPP Course training. David will ask someone from the Training Division to come to the next meeting. Also, he will check to see whether the courses can be taken online through the TRAINVirginia system. Per Petra, Roanoke is teaching it heavily. David also, stated that we could get the Regional Directors involved in the training/planning aspects of PEPP. David will find out if parts of it are being taught at symposium. Bill Downs will poll the regional councils to ask them how they see PEPP fitting into the education that they already offer. David suggested putting together a toolkit to be put out on the OEMS website. In the past the OEMS did a video when the PEPP course was initially started. Steve Strawderman and another gentleman from Northern Virginia did the trauma care segment.</p> <p><b>C. Miscellaneous</b> The Process Action Team (PAT) last met in June. The next PAT meeting is August 20 in Roanoke. The regional directors are to meet and discuss the pros and cons to present in PowerPoint and written formats of the realignment according to the proposed Map C.</p> <p>Dr. Guins reported that Doris Foster, who is now retired, was recognized in Bethesda with a National Heroes Award (EMS Provider Leadership Award) for her thirty years of outstanding contributions to EMS for Children principles.</p> <p>David stated that Dr. Guins also received a National Heroes Award (EMSC Advisory Committee Member Award), and Betsy Smith received a plaque recognizing her for her years of service to EMSC as a Family Representative.</p>	<p><b>David will find out if PEPP courses are being taught at symposium.</b></p> <p><b>Bill will ask all Regional Council directors how they can implement the PEPP course into their education plans.</b></p>
<b>OEMS Report – Jodi Kuhn for Paul Sharpe:</b>	<p><b>A. Move</b> The move of the Training and Emergency Operations Divisions has occurred and they are now located at Technology Park Drive in Glen Allen. Most of our meetings from this point forward will be held at that location, and directions will be provided with meeting notices.</p> <p><b>B. Web-Based PPCR Project</b> The Trauma Division is within a month of putting out an RFP for the new PPCR system. We have held about five Joint Application and Design (JAD) sessions across the state and there will be one coming soon in Northern Virginia. Another informal JAD session will be held during the August Advisory Board meetings (August 8) at The Place at Innsbrook. The purpose of these sessions is to get input from the stakeholders to see what they would like to see in the program.</p> <p><b>C. EMS Registry Update</b> The registry is now called the Virginia Trauma Spinal Cord and Brain Injury registry. Effective July 1, the Department of Rehabilitative Services will no longer be required to collect data on brain and spinal cord injuries; OEMS will be providing this data to them.</p>	<p><b>Informal JAD Session from 9 am to 12 at The Place on August 8.</b></p>
<b>EMSC Program Report-</b>	<b>A. Grants Update</b>	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<p><b>David Edwards:</b></p>	<p><b>1. EMSC State Partnership Grant (Annual Grantee Meeting)</b> Virginia EMSC submitted a “carryover request” to HRSA, as circumstances did not allow spending all of the money initially allotted for the first grant year before February 29, 2008. The request, which has been approved, will allow us apply that money to the OEMS data management project, which HRSA has already been helpful in supporting. The Annual Grantee Meeting was held in Bethesda, MD last month.</p> <p><b>2. NASEMSO EMSC Coordinators Council Created</b> The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) created their fourth standing Council, the EMSC Coordinator’s Council, at their meeting in June just before the Annual Grantee Meeting. Gloria Hale of North Carolina is the Council Chair and Katrina Altenhofen of Iowa is the Vice-Chair. The Council’s first regular meeting will be in Tacoma, WA in September.</p> <p><b>3. Flex Grant</b></p> <p><b>4. HRSA Performance Review (July 23-24)</b> The previously announced HRSA Performance Review of Virginia’s EMSC State Partnership Grant program will have its on-site component July 23-24 at the Department of Health in Richmond. The purpose of the review is to help us identify strategies for achieving “performance measures” that are not yet accomplished and that are anticipated to involve long-term effort. David participated in a number of pre-review conference calls where the bulk of the review was actually conducted. Three specific performance measures were targeted and strategies will be discussed and presented to address those measures. HRSA’s final report with review findings and a recommended action plan will be issued in September or October, hopefully in time to share and discuss with the EMSC Committee at our next (October 16<sup>th</sup>) meeting.</p> <p><b>B. Educational Materials for Mandatory Reporting Implementation</b> Dr. Guins has been working with Terry Coy and Warren Short of OEMS on an EMSAT video to be broadcast August 20<sup>th</sup>; copies of the video will be provided to all EMS agencies and EMS/ALS instructors along with wallet cards and posters. Posters are also provided for hospitals to post in areas where EMS providers commonly do their paperwork, and two classes on Mandatory Reporting for EMS Providers will be provided at the EMS Symposium in November. The Department of Social Services has a free online course for all mandatory reporters of child abuse/neglect, as well as materials and a list of requirements for any mandated reporter training. A “notification plan” is being developed to be shared with the EMS Advisory Board at their meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>. Corrections and comments were given to David in reference to the poster that was distributed to the committee members, and he will share those with the Public Information &amp; Education folks at OEMS.</p> <p><b>C. Future Focus on Pediatric Emergency Preparedness</b> There was some discussion on the lack of importance on pediatric medication doses during a</p>	<p><b>David will take the poster recommendations back to Beth and Brianne for consideration.</b></p> <p><b>David will provide the IOM report Executive Summary and a PowerPoint to all of the committee members at the next meeting.</b></p>

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
	<p>bioterrorism incident or pandemic flu event. More emphasis needs to put on these issues.</p> <p><b>D. Miscellaneous</b> David has a copy of the IOM (Institutes of Medicine) report and will provide copies of the Executive Summary to all EMSC Committee members at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will also provide a PowerPoint he prepared that discusses the report, which members are welcome to use.</p>	
<b>Committee Member Organization Reports:</b>	<p><b>Petra Connell:</b> The EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) has released “Getting Started, Staying Involved: An EMSC Toolkit for Family Representatives.” To download the toolkit, go to <a href="http://bolivia.hrsa.gov/emsc/ProductsandResources.aspx">http://bolivia.hrsa.gov/emsc/ProductsandResources.aspx</a>. It is Publication item #32.</p> <p><b>Dr. Barbara Kahler:</b> The AAP has not met since the last meeting (they are meeting next week). Dr. Kahler has submitted some legislative items to the board such as education on the dangers of the kids being injured while using “heely” shoes. It was noted that it is very difficult to track ED incidents related to these shoes, since there isn’t any coding yet that would help in identifying those incidents.</p> <p><b>Kae Bruch:</b> From an organizational standpoint, the Virginia Association of School nurses is doing some strategic planning. They are revising the mission statement and one of the goals is to ensure that the association reflects the safety of the children. From an educational standpoint, The Department of Education has now completed and released the <i>Resource Guide: Crisis Management and Emergency Response in Virginia Schools</i> manual. The biggest challenge is getting training to the schools and not just handing them the book. Kae feels that the Department of Emergency Management or the Department of Fire Programs should assist in funding the training. Randy stated that the counties should be involved in the training. David suggested that the Regional EMS Directors get a copy of the manual and start assisting the schools with emergency preparedness training. The manual is available online at <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/2007crisis_guide.pdf">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/2007crisis_guide.pdf</a>. Contact the Department of Education for the CD version of manual.</p> <p><b>Bill Downs:</b> No report.</p>	<p>Email Kae at <a href="mailto:kbruch@cox.net">kbruch@cox.net</a> with your suggestions about funding and/or training for the schools’ resource guide.</p>
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p><b>a. CSHCN Tool Kit</b> Betsy is continuing to work on the toolkit.</p> <p><b>b. Implementation Plan ( Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse)</b> Already discussed.</p> <p><b>c. Links and Resources for EMSC Website</b></p>	<p>Send your favorite pediatric links</p>

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
	<p>David has received some good information, but will continue to ask for this.</p> <p>Bill Downs commented that the EMSAT video on preventing pediatric brain injuries, which was shown at the last advisory board meeting featuring David and Tim, was very well done. Clearly a lot of good work was put into it.</p>	<p><b>to David Edwards via email.</b></p>
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b>a. Input on Performance Measures &amp; Equipment List for HRSA</b>  There are three overarching performance measures that the National EMSC Programs are tasked to accomplish. OEMS has already achieved some of them, and others may take a good deal of work over a long period of time to show any impact. The measures are currently targeted to be achieved at specific levels by the year 2011. Our primary focus in Virginia will be on Performance Measures 66c, 66d and 68, which were shared with the Committee.</p> <p><b>b. Other</b>  Send pediatric topic ideas to David Edwards via email.</p>	<p><b>Send pediatric topics to David Edwards via email.</b></p>
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.	<p><b>Next meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1001 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA.</b></p>